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Subject(s)

1. ASM 139, Room and Board.
2. ASM 100, Correction of Legal Authority citation.

1) Room and Board

A room and board setting describes a situation where, in exchange for a fee, a person is provided with a place to live, as well as meals on a comprehensive basis.

Public Act 218 defines an adult foster care home as one that provides supervision, personal care and protection in addition to room and board, for 24 hours a day, 5 or more days a week and for two or more consecutive weeks for compensation.

Note: Twenty four hours a day means services are available to the resident and not that the provider or their staff are with the individual for 24 hours a day.

If a room and board setting or assisted living setting meets the conditions described above, they may be in violation of Public Act 218 and the adult services specialist must make a referral to the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) about a potential unlicensed setting.

Home help services **cannot** be approved if a client is residing in an unlicensed foster care home. A referral must be made to BCHS regarding a potential unlicensed setting.

If a room and board setting is **not** in violation of Public Act 218, home help may be approved if the client meets the eligibility criteria. Do **not** include hours for meal preparation.

The individual selected to provide home help services **cannot** be one of the following:

- The individual who owns, leases or rents the home unless they are related to the client.
- The employees or relatives of the individual who owns, leases, or rents the home.

The owner of the home must **not** benefit financially from the home help payment to the provider. There must not be any legal affiliation between the care provider and the holder of the lease. The client must select an individual or agency, not connected to the owner, to be the provider of home help services unless the owner is a relative of the client.

Supported independent settings are acceptable sites supervised by Community Mental Health that do **not** require a license. Home help services are allowed in these types of arrangements. The lease is held by an individual or agency that is **not** also the provider of home help; see ASM 125, Coordination with Other Services.

2) Correction to Legal Authority Citation

The Legal Authority referenced in ASM 100 was changed to accurately reflect the correct citation to Title XIX of the Social Security Act to state the following:

Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396 et seq.

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Added Items ...

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Changed Items ...

[ASM 100](#)